

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, prior to the third paragraph, please delete the heading "2. Prior Art" (underlining is in the original, and does not indicate an insertion) and replace it with the new heading --2. Background--.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 with the following amended paragraph:

Similarly, processes of synthesis of polymers in bead form by inverse suspension polymerization from water-soluble, ethylenically unsaturated monomers have been known since the late fifties. The techniques used as well as the necessary stabilizing kinds have been described in a number of patents, including, for example, DE 1110869 from 1959, U.S. 2,982,749 from 1961, FR 2383200 from 1977, U.S. 4,164,613 from 1977, and FR ~~23606612~~ 2360612 from 1977. More particularly, production of polymers and copolymers in solid form based on salts of diallyl dialkyl ammonium, such as DADMAC, has been suggested or disclosed in U.S. 4,158,726, EP 233014, EP 495312, DE 3709921, and U.S. 4,833,198 Patents.

At the end of page 2, please delete the heading "The Technical Problem" (underlining is in the original, and does not indicate an insertion).